

DISCUSSION OF THE AMENDMENT

Claim 13 has been amended to depend on Claim 1, as supported by Claim 14. Claims 14 and 25-27 have been canceled.

No new matter is believed to have been added by the above amendment. With entry thereof, Claims 1, 2, 4-6, 8-13, 15-24 and 28-33 will be pending in the application. Of these claims, all are active except Claims 13 and 15-24, which claims are now all rejoinable.

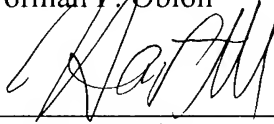
REMARKS

Paragraph 2 of this *ex parte Quayle* action requires cancellation of the non-elected claims **or other appropriate action**. Applicants have amended and canceled claims such that the remaining non-elected claims are now fully rejoinable with the allowed claims, as all such claims now depend or ultimately depend on Claim 1. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to rejoin the non-elected claims and in the absence of further grounds of rejection, pass this application to issue with all such claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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